



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Rain brings relieve to farmers

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 22, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	87	75	71	74
Corn Emerged	69	51	46	48
Cotton Planted	10	6	4	6
Peanuts Planted	1	0	1	1
Soybeans Planted	6	4	0	4
Hay Harvested – First Cutting	25	13	0	0
Winter Wheat Headed	88	79	54	23
Winter Wheat Harvested	0	N/A	0	0

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very				
	Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	21	66	11
Cotton	0	0	5	51	44
Peanuts	0	0	0	100	0
Soybeans	0	0	1	61	38
Winter Wheat	0	3	17	71	9
Livestock	0	2	18	70	10
Pasture & Range	1	5	26	61	7

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	4.8	2	9	89	0
District 20	5.9	3	56	41	0
District 30	5.2	0	17	81	2
District 40	5.9	0	17	81	2
District 50	4.8	4	14	82	0
District 60	5.4	18	32	48	2
State: Current Week	5.3	5	25	69	1
State: Previous Week	6.7	4	37	58	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Karen D. McDonald, FSA CED, said Monroe county received much needed rain that limited producers to one or two days of work in the fields. Doyle Barnes, FSA CED, said Covington County received slow rain that slowed hay harvested. Tim Malone, FSA CED, said Marion and Winston Counties received some much needed rain last week which kept farmers out of the fields for a few days. Greg Key, FSA CED, said rainfall received varied considerably, ranging from .2 inches to 1.5 inches. Over 50 percent of the area counties have received less than an inch over the past 3 weeks. Key said temperatures have been moderate which was favorable for crop development. Jack Tatum, REA of Shelby County reported excellent rain last week which was really needed for cool season grasses. Alfred K. Jackson, Tuskegee Cooperative Extension Program County Agent, said most of the Western Blackbelt received rain early in the week ranging from less than an inch to three inches. Period of rain last week did slow planting and hay cutting throughout the Blackbelt.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Malone said most of corn in Marion and Winston Counties has been planted and most of it is up with a good stand. This cold snap of weather has stopped it from growing, but we are hoping that it will make it up when the weather warms back up. Marie Headley, FSA CED, said due to the rain, producers are not able to plant corn, but will prepare the ground as weather allows. James D. Jones, Jr., ACES CEC said Henry County received much needed rain last week, about .75 to 1 inch.

Small Grains: Marie Headley said rain slowed the land preparation and planting progress in the county. The rains laid down some wheat but hopefully yields will still be good. Jones said Henry County producers found armyworms in small grains which was treatable.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Karen McDonald said that some of the pastures seem ahead of schedule and reports of first hay cutting for the winter annuals. Malone said cooler weather is good for fescue and hay cutting will probably start next week.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Monday, April 16, 2012, to
Sunday, April 22, 2012
(7 days)**

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	65.0	1.29
Bankhead Lock & Dam	Bankhead	AL	64.6	0.64
Belle Mina 2 N	Belle Mina	AL	59.6	0.50
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	64	0.86
Clayton	Clayton	AL	68.3	1.35
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	62.2	0.42
Enterprise 4 W	Enterprise	AL	69.2	2.16
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	67.1	1.26
Gainesville Lock	Gainesville	AL	65.5	0.74
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	67.8	2.32
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	64.2	0.78
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	59.4	1.85
Hamilton 3 S	Hamilton	AL	59.4	2.70
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	63.1	0.42
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	68.5	1.28
Montgomery	Montgomery	AL	69.2	0.82
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	61.5	0.85
Robertsdale	Robertsdale	AL	68.6	2.25
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	63	0.96
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	64	0.49
Sylacauga 4 Ne	Sylacauga	AL	65.7	1.69

U.S. Drought Monitor, April 22, 2012

National Weather Service

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	47.98	52.02	32.96	24.67	17.67	2.99
Last Week (04/10/2012 map)	52.26	47.74	32.96	24.67	17.67	2.76
3 Months Ago (01/17/2012 map)	45.48	54.52	45.64	31.96	17.78	3.25
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	52.55	47.45	39.68	29.11	14.38	0.00
One Year Ago (04/12/2011 map)	52.06	47.94	40.81	17.74	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Drought - Extreme
 D1 Drought - Moderate	 D4 Drought - Exceptional
 D2 Drought - Severe	

